

Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 384. An act to extend the existence of the Nazi War Crimes and Japanese Imperial Government Records Interagency Working Group for two years.

H.R. 1160. An act to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through June 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 10:06 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1270. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate.

H.R. 1332. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the removal to Federal court of certain State court cases involving the rights of incapacitated persons, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 98. Concurrent resolution expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the recent passage of the anti-secession law by the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China.

At 5:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 18. Concurrent resolution expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continuing gross violations of human rights and civil liberties of the Syrian and Lebanese people by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic.

H. Con. Res. 32. Concurrent resolution expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the occupation of the Republic of Lebanon by the Syrian Arab Republic.

H. Con. Res. 103. Concurrent resolution providing for an conditional adjournment or recess of the two Houses.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 18. Concurrent resolution expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continuing gross violations of human rights and civil liberties of the Syrian and Lebanese people by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 32. Concurrent resolution expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the occupation of the Republic of Lebanon by the Syrian Arab Republic; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 98. Concurrent resolution expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the recent passage of the anti-secession law by the National People's Congress

of the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 841. To require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 49 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1311. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publication and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Scope Waiver for Intangibles Accounting Method Changes" (Rev. Proc. 2005-17) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1312. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publication and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—January 2005" (Rev. Rul. 2005-22) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1313. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publication and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State and Local General Sales Tax Deduction" (Notice 2005-31) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1314. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publication and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Amended Returns" (TD 9186) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1315. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publication and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: Losses Reported from Inflated Basis Assets from Lease Stripping Transactions" (Uniform Issue List Number: 9226.01-00) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1316. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publication and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transaction Relief for Certain Partnerships and Other Pass-Thru Entities under Section 470" (Notice 2005-29) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1317. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publication and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice-Dollar Approximate Separate Transactions Method" (Notice 2005-27) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1318. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publication and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sections 142(a)(14);

142(l)—Project Nominations under the Brownfields Demonstration Program for Qualified Green Building and Sustainable Design Projects" (Notice 2005-28) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1319. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publication and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deposits Made to Suspend the Running of Interest on Potential Underpayments" (Rev. Proc. 2005-18) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1320. A communication from the Chief, Publication and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Return Information to the Bureau of the Census" (RIN1545-BE01) (TD 9188) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-34. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio relative to the protection of the Defense Supply Center Columbus (DSCC) from the Base Realignment and Closure process; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

Whereas, the DSCC is the twelfth largest employer in central Ohio, employing more than six thousand Ohioans; and

Whereas, the DSCC is known throughout the world by more than twenty-four thousand military and civilian customers as one of the largest suppliers of weapons systems parts; and

Whereas, the proud men and women of our armed forces rely on the proven competence, efficiency, and effectiveness of the DSCC; and

Whereas, the DSCC is economically vital to central Ohio, managing almost two million items and accounting for more than two billion dollars in annual sales; and

Whereas, the employees of the DSCC, along with the employees' family members, are active members of central Ohio's communities, schools, and neighborhoods' and

Whereas, State and local leaders and leaders from businesses, organizations, and various associations around central Ohio have formed a team, known as "Team DSCC," to promote and preserve the DSCC. "Team DSCC" has made strong efforts to save DSCC from closure, which include increasing local and federal-level advocacy, increasing awareness about DSCC, and striving to relocate military personnel to the base: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, The members of the Senate offer support of the Defense Supply Center Columbus, its mission, and its employees, recognizing that they are an integral part of central Ohio's economy and community, as well as the nation's defense. The members of the Senate join "Team DSCC" in recognizing and promoting the current capabilities and future growth opportunities of the DSCC. The members of the Senate stand ready to assist as necessary to protect the DSCC from the Base Realignment and Closure process; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of Defense, to the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, to the Speaker and Clerk of the United